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Distinguished members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee, my name is John Santilli

My support for House Bill 5281 is based upon my experiences as a board certified allergist with a private practice for the past 38 years.

I also have numerous publications in peer-reviewed medical journals including research on the health effects of mold exposure.

In recent years, the medical community has developed a very clear position on exposure to indoor mold and damp environments, which the NIOSH has summarized on their web site.

Health problems associated with excessive damp conditions and mold, specifically allergies and asthma are also discussed on their web site.

Having a physician who is experienced on the health effects of exposure to indoor mold on the disability retirement board will help to address the work related illness that are effecting many state workers.

I have seen at least 25 patients whose health was affected by working at 25 Sigourney Street.

Most physicians think that once you leave the building your health returns to normal. This is not true.

If you wish I will be happy to provide more information on this subject at a later time.

Thank you for your time, I urge you to support passage of House Bill 5281.

Sincerely,

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